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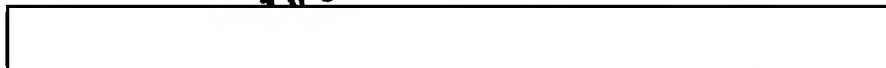
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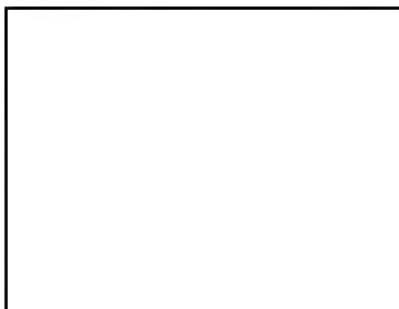
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# 1. EAST GERMANY REPORTEDLY CURTAILS TRAVEL TO BERLIN

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Travel from East Germany to Berlin was subject to new limitations as of 24 October

A zone has been set up with- in a radius of 50 miles from Berlin and tickets to localities within this blockaded area are to be issued only to holders of special permits.

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The American mission in Berlin reported on 31 October that the number of refugees arriving in Berlin in the preceding week was only 3,839, or 1,113 less than the week before.

## Comment

The reported move, evidently aimed at curtailing the refugee flow to the West, may be a prelude to the long-expected formal establishment of East German armed forces after the foreign ministers' conference in Geneva.

The sharp decrease in the flow of refugees to West Berlin follows nine months of generally steady increases. Factors believed principally responsible for this refugee flow are the fear of conscription and mounting pessimism regarding German unification.

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### 3. PINAY SEES NO OBSTACLE TO BEN YOUSSEF'S RETURN TO MOROCCAN THRONE

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French foreign minister Pinay is now willing to have former sultan Mohamed ben Youssef return to the Moroccan throne. He said on 30

October he hoped to negotiate a new treaty with the Moroccans in time to permit withdrawal of recent troop reinforcements before the French elections.

Pinay said he believes strongly in the necessity for a real rapprochement between France and Spain. If Spain showed a conciliatory attitude toward France, he would be willing to go to Madrid to try to settle outstanding French-Spanish questions with Franco.

#### Comment

Faced with Moroccan unanimity on the throne issue, the French government has taken several positive steps to appease the nationalists, probably largely because Premier Faure considers national elections imminent. If a new treaty with Morocco enables him to bring the reservists home, public resentment over their transfer to North Africa would be mollified before the elections.

There are indications that Madrid, despite its proclaimed support of Ben Youssef, does not want his immediate return to the throne. Spain appears more intent on posing as champion of the Arab world against the West than on improving its relations with France. A workable agreement between the French and Ben Youssef would threaten such a role and also exert pressure on Madrid to match reforms in French Morocco with similar action in the Spanish zone.

4. COMMUNISTS IN JORDAN EXPLOITING EGYPTIAN-  
SOVIET BLOC ARMS DEAL

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[redacted] The Jordan Communist Party is win-  
ning public support as a result of the  
Soviet bloc's arms agreement with  
Egypt, [redacted]

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Comment

The press and public opinion in Jordan  
have generally approved of Egypt's  
arms deal with the Soviet bloc. The Communists, the  
best-organized political group in Jordan, even though  
they number only a few thousand, can probably mobilize  
widespread support for Jordanian action to obtain Soviet  
arms, either directly or through Egypt. They will also  
try to block Turkish efforts to secure Jordan's adherence  
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